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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 91st Avenue,  
Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for  
Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000131DP (S)

### **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

#### **1. (S//NF) Personal Information:**

- JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Salem Hadi
- Current/True Name and Aliases: Salim Ahmad Haddi  
Hathramoot, Salem Ahmad Hadi Bin Kanad, Abu Usama al-  
Tabuki, Salim Abu Musab Tabuk, Salim Safuk Abu Usama  
Tabuk, Abu Musab Tabuki, Abu Usama Saudi
- Place of Birth: Hadramawt, Yemen (YM)
- Date of Birth: 1975
- Citizenship: Yemen
- Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000131DP



**2. (U//FOUO) Health:** Detainee is in overall good health.

#### **3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:**

**a. (S) Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 1 January 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Executive Summary:** Detainee is a member of al-Qaida. Detainee served as a sub-commander in Usama Bin Laden's (UBL) 55th Arab Brigade during hostilities against US and coalition forces.<sup>1</sup> Detainee is assessed to have commanded the Tameem Center on

<sup>1</sup> Analyst Note: The 55th Arab Brigade, also referred to in reporting as the al-Qaida Brigade, the Mujahideen Brigade, and the Arab Fighters, served as UBL's primary battle formation supporting Taliban objectives, with UBL participating closely in the command and control of the brigade. Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abdul

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the Khwaja Ghar front lines and received basic and advanced training, including tactics and artillery, at probably the al-Qaida al-Faruq Training Camp in Afghanistan. Detainee acknowledged traveling to Afghanistan expressly for jihad in 2000, and his name was found on al-Qaida affiliated documents. Detainee's passport was used to attempt entry into Iraq by suspected al-Qaida operatives and his true identity is in question. JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.
- A **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective.
- Of **MEDIUM** intelligence value.

**c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes:** The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by ➤ next to the footnote.)

- Added al-Qaida affiliated document listing detainee's alias
- Added aliases Salim Abu Musab Tabuk, Salim Safuk Abu Usama Tabuk, Abu Musab Tabuki, and Abu Usama Saudi<sup>2</sup>

#### **4. (U) Detainee's Account of Events:**

**The following section is based, unless otherwise indicated, on detainee's own account. These statements are included without consideration of veracity, accuracy, or reliability.**

**a. (S//NF) Prior History:** Detainee belongs to the Bin Kinad tribe. Detainee finished high school and then worked on a small farm for approximately six months before leaving for Afghanistan. Detainee was issued a passport on 31 July 2000 in Aden, YM and departed Yemen for Afghanistan in approximately October 2000.<sup>3</sup>

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Hadi al-Iraqi, ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), had primary operational command of the 55th Arab Brigade, serving as UBL's military commander in the field. For additional information see 55th Arab Brigade 01-Feb-1998, FBI 3540-01548-026-0015, DIA CAR 55th Arab Brigade 18-Sep-2001, IIR 2 340 6362 02, 000440 SIR 04-Mar-2004, IIR 6 034 0246 02, IIR 6 034 0252 06, 000078 SIR 14-Oct-2006, and Various ISNs COLISEUM ANS I005-04-0132.

<sup>2</sup> ➤TD-314/73412-07, Analyst Note: These aliases are all attributed to an individual identified as Salim Safuk Abu Usama Tabuk, a variant combination of detainee's name Salim and alias Abu Usama al-Tabuki. The report notes he fought in Bosnia in the mid-1990s.

<sup>3</sup> IIR 4 201 0229 06, 000131 302 04-MAR-2002, 000131 SIR 21-JUL-2005, TD-314/39646-02, 000131 SIR 27-MAY-2004, 000131 SIR 17-SEP-2003, Analyst Note: Detainee stated that he left for Afghanistan during the 7th Hijri month of the same year that the USS COLE was attacked in Aden harbor. The USS COLE attack occurred on 10 October 2000, which corresponds to 1421 A.H. The 7th Hijri month of 1421 overlaps almost entirely with October of 2000.

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**b. (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel:** Detainee bought a plane ticket with funds provided by his brother Salah, and flew from Yemen to Karachi, Pakistan (PK). Detainee carried \$1,000 US with him, intending to purchase honey for resale in Yemen, but never actually purchased any honey.<sup>4</sup> While in Karachi, detainee met Muhammad Azhar at a local mosque. Azhar persuaded detainee to join the Taliban in Afghanistan and fight jihad. Detainee admitted having thoughts of jihad prior to meeting Azhar. Detainee then traveled with Azhar to Quetta, PK.<sup>5</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Training and Activities:** From Quetta, detainee and Azhar traveled to Kandahar, AF where they stayed three or four days in a guesthouse operated by Yemeni national Abu Omar.<sup>6</sup> Detainee stayed at two guesthouses before moving to the Qtuaa Montadaura Camp located outside of Kabul, AF to obtain an AK-47 assault rifle.<sup>7</sup> Detainee said Qtuaa Montadaura was a transition point for soldiers reporting to the front line, but detainee denied training was conducted there by either the Taliban or al-Qaida. Detainee was sent to fight on a reserve line for his first four months. Detainee was moved two or three kilometers forward to the front line at Khwaja Ghar, AF, where he fought against Northern Alliance forces for three months. Detainee, along with 22 unidentified Arabs and Pakistanis, fought under the immediate command of Abu Turab al-Pakistani until Abu Turab was wounded.<sup>8</sup> All front line fighters had AK-47s, with few rocket propelled grenades (RPG) and grenades available. Detainee stated approximately two weeks before Ramadan, Mullah Thaker ordered a withdrawal where detainee and his group withdrew from the front near Khwaja Ghar. They made their way toward Mazar-e-Sharif, AF, through Kunduz, AF, and surrendered to Northern Alliance Forces under the command of General Abd al-Rasheed Dostum.<sup>9</sup>

## **5. (U) Capture Information:**

**a. (S//NF)** Northern Alliance forces captured detainee along with other Taliban and al-Qaida fighters approximately 24 November 2001. Dostum's forces took the prisoners to the

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<sup>4</sup> IIR 4 201 0229 06, 000131 302 04-MAR-2002, 000131 SIR 21-JUL-2005, Analyst Comment: Honey trade was a common cover story for mujahideen travel and smuggling operations. See ACIC INTSUM Usama Bin Ladin and al-Qaida 20-Feb-2002, 001452 SIR 11-Jan-2006, 000084 MFR 12-Sep-2002,

<sup>5</sup> IIR 4 201 0229 06, 000131 302 04-MAR-2002, Analyst Note: In Quetta, detainee probably stayed at the Daftar Taliban Guesthouse, a known transit point for al-Qaida recruits en route to Afghanistan. IIR 6 034 0135 07, TD-314/52613-02

<sup>6</sup> IIR 4 201 0229 06

<sup>7</sup> Analyst Note: Qtua'a Montadaura Camp is probably an inaccurate transliteration of Qita'a Muntathira, simply meaning a waiting area or, as several other detainees have reported, the rear positions.

<sup>8</sup> IIR 6 034 0152 02, IIR 4 201 0466 06

<sup>9</sup> 000131 302 19-OCT-2002, 000131 302 25-SEP-2002, IIR 4 201 0466 06

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Qala-i-Jangi prison located outside Mazar-e-Sharif. After one night in captivity, the prisoners revolted leading to the deaths of members of the Northern Alliance forces and CIA officer Johnny “Mike” Spann. US air strikes were called in to assist in quelling the uprising and prevented the prisoners from escaping.<sup>10</sup> During the revolt, detainee was shot in the chest and legs. Detainee retreated with other captured fighters to a nearby basement, where they remained for seven days. After surrendering again, detainee received medical treatment from the Red Cross in Mazar-e-Sharif. Detainee, along with the surviving Taliban prisoners, was transferred to Sheberghan Prison, AF.<sup>11</sup> Detainee was turned over to US control no later than 28 December 2001.<sup>12</sup>

**b. (S) Property Held:** None

**c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO:** 20 January 2002

**d. (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO:** To provide information on the following:

- Leadership and tactics of the Taliban in Kabul

**6. (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee’s Account:** Detainee’s account is only partially truthful and he has provided conflicting information regarding his background and activities. For example, detainee stated he either quit middle school or completed high school approximately six months prior to departing for Afghanistan. Detainee departed for Afghanistan in 1997 or 2000. Detainee’s age during school, based on these departure dates, would have been between 21 and 24 years old, approximately three years older than the respective Yemeni at the time. Detainee’s stated intent to import honey from Pakistan is a common cover story used to hide the true purpose for traveling to participate in violent Islamic militant activity. Detainee provided a plausible story for his 2001 activities, but fails to provide requisite details to support his claims. While detainee admitted having served on the front lines, he denied assuming a leadership position when 55th Arab Brigade sub-commander Abu Turab was injured, contrary to reporting.<sup>13</sup>

**7. (U) Detainee Threat:**

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<sup>10</sup> Operation Enduring Freedom – Part 3 – November 2001

<sup>11</sup> IIR 4 201 0229 06, IIR 4 201 0466 05, 000131 302 19-OCT-2002, 000131 302 25-SEP-2002, 000079 302 17-APR-2002, Deception at QALA-i-Jangi Prison – USSOC – May 2005, CENTCOM SITREP 28-Dec-2001, Various ISNs OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM - Part 3 - November 2001,

<sup>12</sup> IIR 6 034 0297 02, 0000081 DA 4137 20-Jan-2002

<sup>13</sup> 000131 FM40 25-SEP-2002, 000131 FM40 17-OCT-2002, 000131 302 19-Oct-2002

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**a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be a **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies.

**b. (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention:** Detainee is a member of al-Qaida. Detainee served as a sub-commander in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade at the Tameem Center on the Khwaja Ghar front lines and participated in hostilities against US and coalition forces. Detainee is assessed to have received basic and advanced training, including tactics and artillery, at an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan. Detainee acknowledged traveling to Afghanistan to engage in militant combat, and his name was found on al-Qaida affiliated documents. Detainee's passport was used to attempt entry into Iraq by suspected al-Qaida operatives.

- Detainee is a member of al-Qaida and a sub-commander in UBL's 55th Arab Brigade at the Tameem Center on the Khwaja Ghar front lines during hostilities against US and coalition forces.
  - (U//FOUO) John Walker Lindh identified detainee as his front line commander, Abu Usama Tabuki from Saudi Arabia (SA), and noted detainee was injured at the Qala-i-Jangi prison uprising. Lindh stated detainee replaced the front line commander, Abu Turab, when Turab was injured in late September 2001.<sup>14</sup>
    - (S//NF) Analyst Note: Detainee acknowledged he was injured during the riot,<sup>15</sup> but has repeatedly denied he had ever been to Saudi Arabia. A visiting Yemeni delegation pointed out detainee spoke with a Saudi Arabian accent.<sup>16</sup> Lindh's identification of the detainee being from Saudi Arabia, and the Tabuki alias itself, indicate detainee probably has ties to Saudi Arabia probably through travel to or residence in the country, which detainee is attempting to withhold from US and Yemeni officials. Lindh is currently serving 20 years following his conviction for supplying services to the Taliban.
    - (S//NF) Analyst Note: As detainee was the commander from September 2001 and surrendered with the other front line forces, detainee served in this command position from September through mid November 2001 when the Taliban and al-Qaida forces retreated during operation Enduring Freedom.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> IIR 4 201 3149 05, IIR 7 739 0112 03

<sup>15</sup> 000131 302 19-OCT-2002, 000131 302 25-SEP-2002,

<sup>16</sup> 000131 SIR 21-JUL-2005 Analyst Note: Detainee explained his accent was the result of living close to the Yemen-Saudi Arabia border, which may explain why Lindh believed detainee to be a Saudi, but it does not explain detainee's assumption of the alias "Tabuki," meaning someone from Tabuk, SA. Detainee may be hiding details of a life in Saudi Arabia prior to his travels, claiming to have grown up in Yemen as his cover story. Detainee has neither written home nor received mail since his detention. Therefore, detainee's claimed familial ties to Yemen cannot be substantiated and his actual identity may be questionable.

<sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 1359 03

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- (S//NF) Detainee's alias, Usama al-Tabuki, is included on an al-Qaida list of martyrs, missing, and captured personnel. Detainee was noted belonging to the Third Convoy, martyrs and missing of Mazar-e-Sharif, Jangi Fort.<sup>18</sup> (Analyst Note: This is assessed to be a record of those who were transported to the Qala-i-Jangi prison in late November 2001.)
- (S//NF) Ali Abd al-Motalib Aawayd Hassan al-Tayeea, ISN US9IZ-000111DP (IZ-111), reported detainee and Abd al-Rahman Muhammad Salih Nasir, ISN US9YM-000115DP (YM-115), were on the front lines with UBL lieutenant and commander of the 55th Arab Brigade, Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi), ISN US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026).<sup>19</sup> YM-115 reported Lindh was a member of the Bilal Center along with YM-115.<sup>20</sup> (Analyst Note: IZ-111's reporting places detainee with YM-115 on the front lines, and YM-115's reporting places Lindh with him (YM-115). It is assessed detainee occupied the Bilal Center.)
- (S//NF) Detainee reported Said Ibrahim Ramzi al-Jandubi al-Zahrani, ISN US9SA-000204DP (SA-204, transferred), was a member of his unit.<sup>21</sup> SA-204 identified both detainee and John Walker Lindh as members of his (SA-204) unit.<sup>22</sup> SA-204 identified the *emir* (leader) of his unit, the Bilal Position, as Abu Turab al-Pakistani. Abu Turab received his orders from Abd al-Salem al-Hadrami, aka (Muamar Saeed Abod Dayan).<sup>23</sup> (Analyst Note: Abd al-Salem al-Hadrami was subordinate to IZ-10026. Al-Hadrami reportedly died during combat in 2001. As Abu Turab received his orders from IZ-10026, detainee is assessed to have also received his orders from IZ-10026 when detainee assumed command from Abu Turab.)
- (S//NF) Adil Said al-Haj Ubayd al-Busayss, ISN US9YM-000165DP (YM-165), reported the leader of his position was Abu Turab al-Pakistani. YM-165 noted as a member of Abu Turab's group, he traveled to the Bilal Center, a designated rest area.<sup>24</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated he occupied the Qtuaa Montadaura Camp.<sup>25</sup> (Analyst Note: Qtuaa Montadaura is an inaccurate transliteration of Qitaa Muntathira, simply meaning a "waiting area" or, as several other detainees have reported, the "rear lines." Detainee's noted Qitaa Muntathira is possibly the Bilal Center, although detainee stated it was located near Kabul.)

<sup>18</sup> >IIR 7 739 3111 02 (p.9)

<sup>19</sup> 000111 SIR 27-Jan-2003

<sup>20</sup> 000115 302 11-Jul-2002 Analyst Note: The term "center" is use to identify a position or camp.

<sup>21</sup> 000131 KB 06-FEB-2002

<sup>22</sup> IIR 6 034 0384 02

<sup>23</sup> IIR 6 034 0692 02, 000204 SIR 18-APR-2006

<sup>24</sup> TD-314/16337-02, IIR 6 034 1356 03,

<sup>25</sup> IIR 6 034 0152 02

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- (S//NF) Yusif Khalil Abdallah Nur, ISN US9SA-000073DP, (SA-073, transferred), reported serving with Abu Turab al-Pakistani on the front lines in Khwaja Ghar at the Tameem Center. SA-073 stated he served with a Saudi named Qutaybah and a Yemeni named Salem.<sup>26</sup> Detainee also reported serving with a Saudi named Qutaybah.<sup>27</sup>
  - Analyst Note: Detainee, whose name is Salem, is assessed to the Salem who SA-073 identified from the Tameem Center. Lindh also reported serving with SA-073 on the front lines, supporting the assessment detainee served with SA-073. The presence of detainee and others at both the Tameem Center and the Bilal Center describes a known rotation of fighters between front line positions and a rest area on the rear lines. As the rest area serviced all positions, detainee's command is assessed to have been at the Tameem Center.
- (S//NF) Muhammad Ali Abdallah Muhammad Bwazir, ISN US9YM-000440DP (YM-440), identified a wounded fighter as Qaqaa al-Tabuki in a video following the Qala-i-Jangi uprising. YM-440 stated al-Tabuki was from Northern Yemen and was a leader of the Marwan Hill and Tameem Center.<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have received basic and advanced training, including tactics and artillery, at an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan. Detainee acknowledged traveling to Afghanistan for jihad, and his name was found on al-Qaida affiliated documents.
  - (S//NF) Detainee admitted traveling to Afghanistan for the purpose of fighting for the Taliban against the Northern Alliance.<sup>29</sup>
  - (S//NF) According to an al-Qaida document titled "The Military Committee Programs," detainee was enrolled in both the Tactics and Artillery courses. The Tactics course was conducted in January 2001 and the Artillery course was conducted in March 2001.<sup>30</sup> (Analyst Note: These courses were advanced training indicating detainee had both basic and advanced training in Afghanistan. Detainee probably received this training at the al-Faruq Training Camp.)
- (S//NF) Detainee's passport was used to attempt entry into Iraq by suspected al-Qaida operatives.
  - (S//NF) In late September 2002, the Saudi Ministry of the Interior's General Directorate of Investigations (Mabahith) arrested three suspected al-Qaida operatives:

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<sup>26</sup> IIR 6 034 1329 04, Analyst Note: Variants of Qutaybah include Quataiba and Kutaybah.

<sup>27</sup> IIR 4 201 0229 06

<sup>28</sup> IIR 6 034 0795 04

<sup>29</sup> 000131 302 25-SEP-2002, IIR 4 201 0229 06

<sup>30</sup> AFGP-2002-800321, Multiple ISNs AFGP-2002-600875 5-Jun-2002, IIR 7 739 7062 03, Analyst Note: Detainee is listed as Osama al-Tabuki (variant Tabouki) on the lists. The time frame of the course follows detainee's entry into Afghanistan.

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a Saudi, a Yemeni named Salih Salim Ubayd Abulan al-Hadrami, and an Iraqi as they attempted to cross illegally into Saudi Arabia from Iraq.<sup>31</sup>

o (S//NF) Al-Hadrami carried two forged passports which bore his picture at the time of his arrest. The passports included Saudi passport number A853534, issued on 16 March 1999, in the name of Hassan Hamud Gharman al-Jubayi al-Sharhi and Yemeni passport number 00534349, issued on 31 July 2000 in the name of Salim Hadi Ahmad Bin Kanad (a variant of detainee's name through his tribal affiliation).<sup>32</sup>

**c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct:** Detainee is assessed as a **HIGH** threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been mostly compliant but sometimes hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 57 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 21 January 2008, when he failed to follow guard instructions when told he could not have food in his cell following meal pickup and subsequently refused to give up the food. He has seven Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 14 August 2004, when he threw bodily fluids at the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, inappropriate use of bodily fluids, unauthorized communications, damage to government property, attempted assaults, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. In 2007, he had a total of four Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and four so far in 2008.

**8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:**

**a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be of **MEDIUM** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 5 February 2007.

**b. (S//NF) Placement and Access:** Detainee fought against Northern Alliance forces for three to four months on the front line at Khwaja Ghar. Detainee's reported role as sub-commander would have provided him direct access to the leadership of the 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee's alias appears on recovered al-Qaida documents indicating he probably started two separate training courses at the al-Faruq Training Camp, one in January 2001 and the other in March 2001.

**c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment:** Detainee's accounts of his activities prior to and following his arrival in Afghanistan inhibit evaluating his intelligence value accurately. Detainee has not provided an explanation for discrepancies in his timelines, claiming he traveled to Afghanistan in 1997 initially, but later claiming he traveled in 2000. His reported

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<sup>31</sup> TD-314/39646-02

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militant training and leadership role within the 55th Brigade requires further exploitation, to establish whether or not detainee's role in Afghanistan is more significant than he has admitted. The possibility of his having been a sub-commander and his possible name on a list of two different training classes may be indicative of detainee having significantly more training and previous militant experience than he has admitted.

**d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:**

- 55th Arab Brigade and Taliban leadership, personalities, and organization
- Taliban and al-Qaida tactics
- Al-Qaida sponsored basic and advanced training

**9. (S) EC Status:** Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 26 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

v/k,



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Commanding

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\* Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.